

wherein the assembly is constructed such that the assembly forms the portion of the body passageway after expansion of the expandable member.

118. (New) The assembly of claim 117, wherein the assembly is for insertion into the body passageway.

119. (New) The assembly of claim 117, wherein the expandable member comprises a stent.

120. (New) The assembly of claim 117, wherein the expandable member has a first configuration to allow for insertion of the assembly into the body, and wherein the expandable member has a second configuration when the assembly forms the portion of the body passageway.

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121. (New) The assembly of claim 117, wherein the tissue is disposed adjacent to an interior surface of the expandable member.

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122. (New) The assembly of claim 117, wherein the tissue is disposed adjacent to an exterior surface of the expandable member.

123. (New) The assembly of claim 117, wherein the expandable member has an interior surface defining a longitudinal passage, and wherein the tissue is at least as long as the longitudinal passage.

124. (New) The assembly of claim 117, wherein the expandable member has an interior surface defining a longitudinal passage, and wherein a portion of the tissue extends beyond at least one end of the longitudinal passage.

125. (New) The assembly of claim 117, wherein the tissue is secured to the expandable member.

126. (New) The assembly of claim 117, further comprising a delivery sheath which encompasses the expandable member and the tissue.

127. (New) The assembly of claim 117, further comprising a device disposed within the expandable member to expand the expandable member.

128. (New) The assembly of claim 117, wherein the expandable member is deformable.

129. (New) An assembly for insertion into a body to form a portion of a body passageway comprising:

a deformable member; and
a tissue disposed adjacent to the deformable member,
wherein the assembly is constructed such that the assembly forms the portion of the body passageway after deformation of the deformable member.

130. (New) The assembly of claim 129, wherein the assembly is for insertion into the body passageway.

131. (New) The assembly of claim 129, wherein the deformable member comprises a stent.

132. (New) The assembly of claim 129, wherein the deformable member has a first configuration to allow for insertion of the assembly into the body, and wherein the deformable member has a second configuration when the assembly forms the portion of the body passageway.

133. (New) The assembly of claim 129, wherein the tissue is disposed adjacent to an interior surface of the deformable member.

134. (New) The assembly of claim 129, wherein the tissue is disposed adjacent to an exterior surface of the deformable member.

135. (New) The assembly of claim 129, wherein the deformable member has an interior surface defining a longitudinal passage, and wherein the tissue is at least as long as the longitudinal passage.

136. (New) The assembly of claim 129, wherein the deformable member has an interior surface defining a longitudinal passage, and wherein a portion of the tissue extends beyond at least one end of the longitudinal passage.

137. (New) The assembly of claim 129, wherein the tissue is secured to the deformable member.

138. (New) The assembly of claim 129, further comprising a delivery sheath which encompasses the deformable member and the tissue.

139. (New) The assembly of claim 129, further comprising a device disposed within the deformable member to deform the deformable member.

140. (New) The assembly of claim 129, wherein the deformable member is expandable.

141. (New) A method of forming a portion of a body passageway comprising the steps

of:

providing an expandable member;

providing a tissue adjacent to the expandable member;

inserting the expandable member and the tissue into the body; and

expanding the expandable member subsequent to inserting the expandable member and

the tissue into the body.

141 142. (New) The method of claim 141, wherein the expandable member is deformable.

141 143. (New) The method of claim 141, wherein the expandable member comprises a stent.

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144. (New) The method of claim 141, wherein the step of providing the tissue includes providing the tissue adjacent to an interior surface of the expandable member.

145. (New) The method of claim 141, wherein the step of providing the tissue includes providing the tissue adjacent to an exterior surface of the expandable member.

146. (New) The method of claim 141, wherein the expandable member has an interior surface defining a longitudinal passage, and wherein the tissue is at least as long as the longitudinal passage.

147. (New) The method of claim 141, wherein the expandable member has an interior surface defining a longitudinal passage, and wherein a portion of the tissue extends beyond at least one end of the longitudinal passage.

148. (New) The method of claim 141, wherein the step of expanding the expandable member causes the expandable member to assume an expanded configuration, and wherein the expandable member in the expanded configuration and the tissue form the portion of the body passageway.

149. (New) The method of claim 141, wherein the step of expanding the expandable member includes expanding the tissue.

150. (New) The method of claim 141, wherein the step of expanding the expandable member includes actuating a device disposed within the expandable member to expand the expandable member.

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151. (New) The method of claim 141, further comprising the step of securing the tissue to the expandable member.

152. (New) The method of claim 141, further comprising the step of encompassing the expandable member and the tissue with a delivery sheath.

153. (New) A method of forming a portion of a body passageway comprising the steps of:

providing a deformable member;

providing a tissue adjacent to the deformable member;

inserting the deformable member and the tissue into the body; and

deforming the deformable member subsequent to inserting the deformable member and the tissue into the body such that the deformable member maintains a deformed configuration.

154. (New) The method of claim 153, wherein the deformable member is expandable.

155. (New) The method of claim 153, wherein the deformable member comprises a stent.

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156. (New) The method of claim 153, wherein the step of providing the tissue includes providing the tissue adjacent to an interior surface of the deformable member.

157. (New) The method of claim 153, wherein the step of providing the tissue includes providing the tissue adjacent to an exterior surface of the deformable member.

158. (New) The method of claim 153, wherein the deformable member has an interior surface defining a longitudinal passage, and wherein the tissue is at least as long as the longitudinal passage.

159. (New) The method of claim 153, wherein the deformable member has an interior surface defining a longitudinal passage, and wherein a portion of the tissue extends beyond at least one end of the longitudinal passage.

160. (New) The method of claim 153, wherein the deformable member in the deformed configuration and the tissue form the portion of the body passageway.

161. (New) The method of claim 153, wherein the step of deforming the deformable member includes deforming the tissue.

162. (New) The method of claim 153, wherein the step of deforming the deformable member includes actuating a device disposed within the deformable member to deform the deformable member.

163. (New) The method of claim 153, further comprising the step of securing the tissue to the deformable member.

164. (New) The method of claim 153, further comprising the step of encompassing the deformable member and the tissue with a delivery sheath.

REMARKS

This Supplemental Amendment adds claims 117-164 to provide a more comprehensive scope of protection for the invention. Independent claims 117 and 129 each relate to an assembly for insertion into a body to form a portion of a body passageway. Independent claims 141 and 153 each relate to a method for forming a portion of a body passageway.

The assemblies of independent claims 117 and 129 include "an expandable member" (claim 117) or "a deformable member" (claim 129). The methods of independent claims 141 and 153 include the step of providing an "expandable member" (claim 141) or "a deformable